

### In The Specification

Please add, if necessary, after the title of the inventions and prior to the field of the invention the following sentence --- This application is a division of Serial No. 09/172,873 filed October 15, 1998, now U.S. 6,225,338 issued May 1, 2001, which is a division of Serial No. 08/839,446 filed April 14, 1997, now U.S. 5,891,905 issued April 6, 1999, which is a division of Serial No. 08/687,885 filed July 26, 1996, now U.S. 5,712,305 issued January 27, 1998 which is a division of Ser. No. 08/317,226 filed October 3, 1994, now U.S. 5,554,645 issued September 10, 1996.

### In The Claims

~~Please~~ cancel non-elected Claims 1-26 as well as elected Claims 27-42 and traversed Claim 43 and replace them with new Claims 44-58 directed to "a food". The new claims read as follows:

44. (new) A food comprising, as a food additive, a cocoa polyphenol isolated from cocoa beans as a cocoa extract.

45. (new) The food of Claim 44, wherein the isolated cocoa polyphenol is a mixture of catechin, epicatechin, and procyanidin oligomers.

46. (new) The food of Claim 45, wherein the procyanidin oligomers include dimers through dodecamers.

47. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the cocoa extract is fractionated into cocoa procyanidin fractions containing monomers, dimers, trimers, tetramers, pentamers, hexamers, heptamers, octamers, nonamers, decamers, undecamers, and dodecamers.

48. (new) The food of Claim 50, wherein certain cocoa procyanidin fractions are selected and then pooled.

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49. (new) The food of Claim 51, wherein the cocoa extract is prepared by a process comprising: E

- (a) freeze drying cocoa beans and pulp;
- (b) depulping the freeze dried cocoa mass;
- (c) dehulling the freeze dried cocoa beans;
- (d) grinding the dehulled cocoa beans to a cocoa powder;
- (e) extracting the cocoa polyphenols from the cocoa powder.

50. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the freeze dried cocoa beans are unfermented cocoa beans.

51. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the freeze dried cocoa beans are partially fermented cocoa beans.

52. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the freeze dried cocoa beans are fermented cocoa beans.

53. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the extracting is carried out with acetone and water, methanol and water, or ethyl acetate.

54. (new) The food of Claim 49, wherein the cocoa extract is partially purified by gel permeation chromatography and/or high pressure liquid chromatography.